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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend claims 32, 43, and 45 as shown below in the present application prior to initial examination.

In the Claims

Clean version

(Amended) 32.

A power distribution bus alarm circuit, comprising:

a first and a second socket, each having two alarm connections and two power connections;

a first alarm circuit connected to first and second alarm connections of the first socket, the alarm circuit being responsive to a voltage being applied across the two connections of the first socket;

a second alarm circuit connected to first and second alarm connections of the second socket, the alarm circuit being responsive to a voltage being applied across the two connections of the second socket;

a voltage source electrically connected to one of the two connections of the first and second sockets;

